

## The Hoover Story

John Heinrich Huber, the great great great great grandfather of Herbert Hoover, was born in Oberkum, Switzerland in 1644.

The Hubers resided in Oberkum until political turmoil drove them north into the German Palatinate. There, in Ellenstadt, in 1723, Andreas Huber was born; he was a restless young man. In 1738 he sailed to Pennsylvania, joining his brothers in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In the course of events, Andreas, now calling himself Andrew Hoover, moved west to Ohio. By the 1850s, the prairie beyond the Mississippi beckoned members of the Hoover family. In 1854, Jesse Hoover, Andrew's grandson, his wife Rebecca, his son Eli and son John with other children and grandchildren emigrated to West Branch, Iowa. The senior Jesse died en route, but wife Rebecca, a Quaker minister, was a strong woman. Their son John became a Quaker minister and evangelist and Eli took to farming. Eli's son Jesse grew up to be a blacksmith.

In 1870, Jesse Hoover, age 24, met another devout Quaker, Hulda Randall Minthorn, who was born in Canada. They married on March 12, 1870. In 1871, Theodore ("Tad") was born. In 1874, a second son, Herbert ("Berrie"), was born. Jesse announced to the world, "another General Grant at our house." Sister Mary ("May") was born in 1876. This frontier family met with sorrow as first Jesse and then Hulda died. The family was scattered, Herbert to the Minthorn relatives in Oregon, Tad and May to relatives in Iowa. Though Tad would soon join Herbert, the young children did not share a roof again until 1896 and 1897. Of these years, biographer George Nash wrote, "These were happy months for the orphaned family; Theodore remembered this period as 'the best of my youth.'"

The three siblings went on to happy marriages, each blessed with children. The two brothers were both engineers and traveled the world. Eventually, Theodore and Mildred settled in California, purchasing Rancho del Oso near Santa Cruz. She was a writer and leader in the DAR. He was for many years Dean of the College of Engineering at Stanford University. Herbert Hoover went on to become the Great Humanitarian, Secretary of Commerce and 31st President of the United States. His wife Lou was president of the Girl Scouts, a geologist, and his partner in life. They resided at the Waldorf Towers, in New York City, from World War II on. May and her husband resided in Santa Monica, where he was a businessman.

The Hoover Birthplace Society was created by the Hoovers to preserve the birthplace in 1939. Over the years, other buildings were added to the site, including the Quaker Meeting House, the Schoolhouse, the recreated Blacksmith's shop, and numerous homes, including the Hoovers' Uncle Laban Miles' home. In 1962, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library was dedicated in Hoover Park, and in 1968, to prevent encroachment by developers, the park was given to the National Park Service. Also on the site are the graves of President and Mrs. Hoover.

Full genealogical information is available in "The Genealogy of the Herbert Hoover Family" rev. ed., by Hulda Hoover McLean 1995. Cover: Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover, at the "White House," Waltham on the Thames, England, 1902.

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# Genealogy



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**Jesse Clark Hoover**  
1846-1880  
*Farm machinery business*

**Hulda Minthorn**  
1848-1884  
*Recorded Quaker Minister*



**Theodore Jesse Hoover**  
1871-1955  
*Mining Engineer*  
*Dean,*  
*Stanford College of Engineering*  
m. Mildred Brooke 1899  
1872-1940

**Herbert Clark Hoover**  
1874-1964  
*Mining Engineer*  
*31st President of the United States*  
m. Lou Henry 1899  
1874-1944



**Mary Blanche Hoover**  
1876-1953  
m. Cornelius Van Ness Leavitt 1899  
1874-1962

**Mildred Brooke Hoover**  
1901-1983

**Hulda Brooke Hoover**  
1906-

**Louise Brooke Hoover**  
1908-1985

**Herbert Hoover, Jr.**  
1903-1969

**Allan Hoover**  
1907-1993

**Van Ness Leavitt**  
1907-1992

m. Cornelius Willis  
3 children

m. Charles McLean  
3 sons

m. Ernest Dunbar  
m. Harold Fouts  
m. Kenneth Stevenson  
m. Wm. Hansel  
Div. all. 2 daughters

*Undersecretary of State*  
*Engineer & Inventor*  
m. Margaret Watson, 1925  
1905-1983

*Rancher & Investments*  
m. Margaret Coberly, 1937  
1911-

m. Dorothy Berry (div.)  
m. Patricia Rheinschild, 1942  
2 sons

**Margaret Ann Hoover**  
1926-

**Herbert Hoover III**  
1927-

**Joan Ledlie Hoover**  
1930-

**Allan Hoover, Jr.**  
1938-

**Andrew Hoover**  
1940-

**Lou Henry Hoover**  
1943-

m. Richard T. Brigham

m. Meredith McGilway

m. Wm. L. Vowles (div.)

m. Marian Cudler (div.)

m. Victoria Talman 1963  
m. Jean Williams 1976  
(div.)



**Katharine**  
1950

**Ann**  
1952  
2 sons

**Robert**  
1953

**Deborah**  
1959  
1 son

**Douglas**  
1960

**Stephen**  
1949-

**Michael**  
1951-1979

**Leslie**  
1956  
3 children

**Mark**  
1954  
1 dau.

**Aaron**  
1955  
2 children

**Brian**  
1958

**Deborah**  
1967

**Allan III**  
1971

**James**  
1979

**Andrew Jr.**  
1965

**Margaret Alexander**  
1977

**1980**